



Republican Policy Committee

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SENATE GOP POLICY COMMITTEE OFFERS POLICY PAPERS, SENATE FLOOR UPDATES TO 'NET SURFERS' ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB

WASHINGTON—U.S. Senate Republican Policy Committee Chairman Larry E. Craig today announced to his Senate colleagues the availability of Policy Committee publications through the committee's newly revised "homepage" on the World Wide Web.

"The Republican Policy Committee has been a leader among Senate offices in taking advantage of the information technology, and I want to be sure that fellow Senators, their staffs, and Senate observers everywhere are aware of this valuable resource," Craig said. "I think many people — whether they work on Capitol Hill, or in Idaho — are interested in obtaining accurate and understandable legislative information, and also want to keep up with the Senate's agenda. We are pleased to provide these services in a way that is both easily accessible and of relatively no cost to the taxpayer because it will bring government closer to the people it serves."

Among its duties, the Republican Policy Committee (RPC) issues policy papers on key legislative issues and distributes them to Senators and staff. The Committee now makes these papers available to anyone who has access to the World Wide Web. Also available at the same web site are a daily schedule of the Senate's agenda, updated every day the Senate is in session, and an overview of anticipated floor action for the coming week, usually issued on Friday.

Enhancements recently added to RPC's "webpage" (which was first installed in early 1995) include: a searchable index of policy papers issued during 1996; a directory of all Republican Senators and information on their own homepages and e-mail addresses; a "What's News" section containing information on the most current events; and information about internships at the committee. RPC's homepage site is: <http://www.senate.gov/~rpc>.